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PATENT APPLICATION

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Serial No.: 09/777,632 Group Art Unit: 2663  
Filing Date: 2/6/2001 Docket No.: R26-25192  
Title: HIGH LEVEL MESSAGE PRIORITY ASSIGNMENT BY A PLURALITY  
OF MESSAGE-SENDING NODES SHARING A SIGNAL BUS

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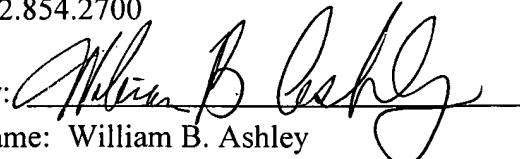
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- ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
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